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Catastrophies happen—accidents are the result of carelessness.

In order to vote in the coming city election, poll taxes must be paid on or before Saturday, April 10. Pay today.

Daytona Elks will erect a \$30,000 building, the first floor to be used as an opera house and the second floor for lodge and club rooms.

The Sanford *Herald* has already begun agitation for an immense Fourth of July celebration. The *Herald* is sure to begin its agitation in plenty of time.

The many friends in Florida of Congressman Frank Clark will be pleased to learn that he is convalescent. Mr. Clark was too ill to attend congress, when it convened in special session, and this vote was lost in the organization of the House.

INSURANCE TRUST IN MANATEE.

Yes, how long, oh Lord, how long? Right here in Manatee the rate on business houses and stocks is simply prohibitory, being \$6.50 on the hundred or \$65 a thousand. This is highway robbery pure and simple.—*Manatee Record*.

Unless something unforeseen happens (and it generally does) the next crop of oranges in Florida will be a record-breaker. The groves in this section are in excellent condition and are a mass of fragrant white blossoms and dark green leaves. There is only one thing prettier than a well-kept orange grove—and that's a pretty woman.

Jacksonville has imposed a tax of \$50 per year on peddlers of stove wood. The tax might just as well have been made \$50,000 per year. It was probably passed in the interest of the wood yards, and to freeze out the little fellows, after which the big fellows will be able to raise the price of wood. Funny how people will consent to a thing of this kind.

A Pennsylvania man who has recently located in DeLand will engage extensively in the cultivation of the milkweed, and open a milk-weed dairy. The beauty about the milk-weed is that you don't have to use a stool and elbow grease to obtain the milk. All you have to do is to go along the field, break the stems and let the milk run into the bottles. This is an industry that promises much for the future prosperity of DeLand. The milk-weed doesn't jump over fences and run away four to six miles into the woods; it was never known to kick a man over or overturn the bucket.

Representative James E. Alexander is publishing in THE NEWS a notice of proposed local legislation, as required by law. The proposed legislation contemplates the building of a free concrete bridge across the Halifax at Daytona. If the people of Daytona, Seabreeze, Daytona Beach and adjacent towns get together on this proposition, there is no reason why it should not

be accomplished. Years ago we had toll roads; now they are almost unknown in the United States. There is no reason why we should not have free bridges as well as free roads. The State might build the bridge and charge toll over it until the cost is repaid, or authorize the towns to issue bonds for this purpose.

Editor Hetherington of the *Lakeland News* has bought some new machinery which he finds necessary if he is to keep up with his rapidly increasing business. There is not much needed to succeed in the newspaper business in Florida. Just have brains—and a lively sense of humor is a great adjunct—have a working knowledge of the printing business and a little capital. Then settle in some growing community, which in Florida is sure to be an intelligent and prosperous one, and start your paper.

—*Times-Union Short Talks*.
Charlie Dougherty, former congressman, used to say all that was necessary to make an editor was for a tramp printer to select his locality, get a shirt-tail full of type and a Washington hand-press and call himself "we."

Any editor who writes an item in opposition to an increase of tax for school purposes is called "parsimonious," "backward," he is guilty of treason, strategem and spoils. But where is this matter going to stop? At the present time we are paying 12 or 14 mills taxes for school purposes, or what is equivalent of 12 or 14 mills—and more is asked for at every session of the legislature. Wonder if it wouldn't be a good scheme to cut expenses somewhere? Aren't we paying too much for supervision; for colleges which benefit only one-hundredth of one per cent of the population? We need another "Buchanan Bill" or something of the kind. A tax of one per cent, if economically expended, ought to give us as good schools as can be found in any State in the Union.

Some drivers of automobiles in DeLand have somehow obtained the idea that they have more rights to the road than just common people who happen to ride behind horses, or the poor trash who push bicycles. We cannot state how this idea originated; possibly, people with timid horses gave them the road, and, finally, they came to the conclusion that the road belongs to them. But it doesn't. An auto has a right to one-half the road, if both vehicles are laden or empty. A decent person driving a horse to a light vehicle will give a loaded auto all the road. A decent person driving a light auto will give a loaded horse-drawn vehicle all the road. Conditions being equal, each decent person will turn out for the other. Road hogs will try to take the whole road and force others into the dirt. Some impertinent boys and girls, and a few ill-bred men, who drive autos near DeLand, are bringing the auto into ill-repute, causing needless hard feeling against the many gentlemen and ladies who ride in autos. This is a matter that should be taken up by the respectable drivers of autos, for their own protection, and, if necessary, a few arrests should be made to teach good manners to the road hogs.

MUZZLE UP THE KNOCKERS.

Now they're trying to find the ninth sense. Hope it's common-sense.

Have the children's Ping-Pongs before it is too late.

PRE-COOLING.

HOW IT IS DONE BY THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY IN CALIFORNIA FREE TO SHIPPERS OF FRUITS

We are indebted to J. C. Chase, of Chase & Co., of Jacksonville, for the following interesting account of the system of pre-cooling cars, for shipping fruit, written by John D. Isaacs, consulting engineer of the Harriman Systems, on the subject of pre-cooling. In sending us the article Mr. Chase says:

"Experimental plants established in different parts of California demonstrated the fact that pre-cooling before shipping was of the greatest benefit to perishable products moving under ventilation and also moving under refrigeration. The California transportation companies recognized the great benefit of pre-cooling to the fruit and vegetable industries of that State. They are now spending several hundred thousand dollars in the erection of pre-cooling plants capable of hauling forty cars every three hours.

"This service has been rendered the California growers free of any expense. The California railroads own and operate their refrigerator cars and they have found that the saving in the amount of ice required in pre-cooling cars offsets the expense of pre-cooling. If pre-cooling is an advantage to the California growers it would be even a greater benefit to the Florida growers.

"Let the Florida growers petition the transportation companies to install pre-cooling plants at certain concentration points in the State and co-operate with the growers in this matter."

This company uses what is known as the intermittent, or Sprague-Edison system, and has spent considerable time and money in developing this. In general the process of pre-cooling is to rapidly refrigerate fruit, vegetables, melons and other perishable goods, at the point of shipment, in the cars in which they are to be transported.

There are several advantages in this process, of which the most important is that the fruit, etc., so pre-cooled may be allowed to become thoroughly ripe before shipment; and the transportation of any fruit or vegetable, however delicate it may be, for long distance, became feasible and practicable, so that at the point to which it is consigned it will be received in practically the same condition as that in which it was shipped.

The well-known method of shipping fruit in iced-cooled cars is, of course, a vast improvement on no refrigeration at all; but it is open to the great objection that the temperature of the car is so gradually reduced by icing that it takes two or three days before the entire contents of the car are cooled down to a point at which decay is arrested, for which reason it is necessary to ship perishable goods in a more or less unripe condition to allow for further ripening in transit.

It is evident, therefore, that any process which can greatly expedite the initial refrigeration of a car will permit of the shipment of fruit, melons, etc., in just so much more perfect condition as regards ripeness. This is precisely what pre-cooling does; that is to say, that by the use of this method a carload of fruit may be so quickly brought below the point at which decay is arrested, that the contents may be absolutely ripe when shipped, and may be delivered to the consignee in practically the condition in which they were shipped.

Besides the element of temperature, the emanations from the fruit

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itself are aids to decay, and it has been found of great advantage to be able not only to lower the temperature of the contents of the car, but to withdraw therefrom the heated air given off by the contents and supercharged with foul gasses and emanations, so that the "Intermittent" system in use by the Southern Pacific is devised to accomplish both these results, namely, refrigeration and purification.

The apparatus for this purpose forces air through a false door or other aperture at or near the middle of a car, distributing this air through the boxes of fruit packed in the car, by means of suitable deflectors and baffles. The cool air passes into the car in a continuous stream, and is withdrawn from the end hatches by means of a temporary connection.

At suitable intervals the inlet is closed for a brief time, and an exhaust maintained in the outlet pipes so that a partial vacuum occurs in the car. During this part of the process the exhaust air is discharged into the open air. The inlet is then opened and the exhaust into the outer air closed, so that a circulation of cold air through the car is resumed.

The cold air, after circulating through the car, is passed by suitable fans over and through a coil of cooling pipes so as to condense moisture or essential oils which is left in the air after the vacuum process. The amount of vacuum, the frequency of its application and the length of time during which it is maintained should vary with the kind and condition of fruit, vegetables, etc.

To sum up, by this process not only are the contents of the car refrigerated, but they are also surrounded by sweet, clean air, sterilized by refrigeration. After pre-cooling the cars are fully iced as usual so as to maintain the delicate flavor of fruits, berries, and vegetables shipped for long distances, and they arrive in a condition not heretofore possible under ordinary refrigerating methods. And there is evidence to show that the contents keep better when exposed for sale than fruit which has been shipped in the ordinary way.

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